

REMARKS

The following remarks are responsive to the Official Action of January 11, 2005. The indication that claims 9 and 18 of the original application contain allowable subject matter are noted with appreciation. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 9. Similarly, claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 18, and claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 9.

Claims 9 and 18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to remove the noted objections.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8, 11-17, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Klein et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,138,194. In view of the fact that Applicant has amended the claims 1, 12, and 19 to incorporate the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner, Applicant hereby requests the Examiner to remove the rejection of *Klein et al.*

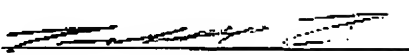
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that all of the claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue the original claimed subject matter in a related application. Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that she be contacted at the number indicated below.

For the reasons outlined above, withdrawal of the rejections of record and an allowance

of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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